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1. Claims 85,88,89,90,91 and 120 of this application have been copied from U.S. Patent No. 5,839,307 for the purpose of an interference.

Applicant has failed to specifically apply each limitation or element of each of the copied claim(s) to the disclosure of the application.

Applicant is given ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication to specifically apply each limitation or element of each of the copied claim(s) to the disclosure of the application. See 37 CFR 1.607(a)(5). THE PROVISIONS OF 37 CFR 1.136 DO NOT APPLY TO THE TIME SPECIFIED IN THIS ACTION.

The Examiner has requested the 1.607(a) analysis of interfering claims since discussions first began in this case in March/April 2002. As evidenced by the Interview Summary of 17 June 2002(paper no.46), Applicant stated that the 607(a) analysis was forthcoming so as to expedite the interference proceeding. Although it was agreed that the interfering claims would be refiled in a continuation (Interview Summary of 24 Jan 2003 -paper no. 48), this has not been done, thus the interfering claims are still pending in the instant application and must be acted upon.


It should be noted that an office action is being mailed simultaneously, and consequently, Applicant will have two separate time periods running.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Suzanne Dino Barrett whose telephone number is 703-308-0825. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 8:30-7:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony Knight can be reached on 703-308-3179. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9326 for regular communications and 703-872-9327 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1020.



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